



City of Annapolis

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Special Minutes - Draft City Council

Monday, July 23, 2018

7:00 PM

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.
City Council Chambers

Call to Order

Mayor Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Invocation

Given by Alderman Rodriguez.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Buckley.

Roll Call

Tonight's roll call began with Alderman Savidge.

Present: 9 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderwoman Henson, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Approval of Agenda

Alderman Arnett moved to approve the agenda as amended to REMOVE: R-28-18 Office of Community Development and Violence Prevention on first reader, R-40-18 City Co-Sponsored Benefit Concert Special Event on second reader and to POSTONE O-14-18 Development Review Process Amendment and City Council Citation - Pinkey West Street Liquors - Milestone Anniversary until the September 10, 2018 City Council Meeting. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Ceremonial Items

Presentation to the City of Annapolis by Esri: Special Achievement in GIS Award

Presented.

City Council Citation - Pinkey West Street Liquors - Milestone Anniversary

Alderman Arnett moved to postpone City Council Citation - Pinkey West Street Liquors - Milestone Anniversary until the Monday, September 10, 2018 City Council Meeting. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Petitions, Reports and Communications

A. HACA Quarterly Report

Presented.

[ID-237-18](#)

HACA Quarterly Report

This Informational Item was presented.

B. Reports by Committee

Pursuant to Article I - Rules of Procedure, Section 2.16.010 - Time of meetings.

"The regular monthly meeting of the City Council shall take place at seven p.m. on the second Monday in each month except that the City Council shall have no regular monthly meeting during the month of August."

C. Comments by the General Public

Erik Evans, 38 City Gate Lane, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 representing the Downtown Annapolis Partnership spoke on a donation from the partnership in the amount of \$20,000.00 and a donation from the Arts District in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the City of Annapolis' Bicycle Master Plan.

Mayor Buckley declared comments from the general public closed.

D. Update from the Mayor

Good evening.

Just over three weeks ago, five people just doing their job as journalists in a local paper's newsroom were murdered.

This tragedy has forever changed these five families, the survivors of this massacre, the entire newsroom's families, our city, our state, our country and indeed, the entire world that is troubled by this attack on the Free Press.

And it has impacted me significantly and personally. Never did I imagine that as Mayor I would be dealing with the deadliest attack on press in the history of our country.

What happened at The Capital affected all of us in many different ways. Many of us knew the victims personally. All of us understand the impact this paper has had in our town for more than 300 years.

All of us know this was an attack on the freedom of the press.

And I will not stand by and let people forget the names of Wendi Winters, Rob Hiaasen, Gerald Fischman, Rebecca Smith, and John McNamara.

I went to each of their funerals. I met their families and learned more about their beautiful lives.

And many of the family members and reporters said to me and in fact, said to the world in many different ways, please do not forget about them. Don't let their lives be forgotten.

My energy about this event comes from our conversations and interactions with the journalists of The Capital Gazette and the families.

There is no right way or wrong way to grieve. Everyone processes grief and trauma in different ways. It's never too early or too late to show your support for the families.

Several weeks ago, we announced that the City wanted to host a benefit concert to help these families and urge the protection of the First Amendment – Freedom of the Press.

There's outpouring of support and our office endlessly fields requests from people asking how they can get involved and show support.

Our corporate community has called offering their financial assistance as well.

We have come together as a community to show our support and love for these families, for our local paper's journalists and our first responders.

I am extremely proud to be Mayor of such a compassionate city.

There is a healing power in music and free speech – That is the driving force behind this. This benefit concert will bring together our community while raising funds for these families and survivors, as well as recognizing the bravery of our first responders. The City of Annapolis should have an opportunity to express its support for the families, the newspaper staff, and protection of freedom of the press. This is how I emotionally came to where I am tonight. This event is NOT a political statement. Elected officials are invited to attend, but they are not speaking. This is NOT about gun control. This is about supporting the families, honoring our first responders, and protecting press freedom. For those who say it's too soon: There is a tradition of holding concerts to bring a healing power through music and raise money for victims. There was a concert for 9/11 shortly after the deadliest attack on US soil. Just 10 days after the Haiti earthquake, there was a benefit to raise money for 200,000 people killed. These kinds of concerts help the people who were the victims – whether it's the families, the survivors, the free press. It helps them. These events help heal. Tonight, we have on first reader, a resolution to consider this benefit concert a City of Annapolis sponsored special event. It is my hope that our City will support this benefit concert for The Capital Gazette, support the defense of the freedom of the press, and recognize the bravery of our first responders and approve the City's sponsorship, just as our city sponsors events like the Tug of War, the Eastport Parade of Lights, the Naval Academy band concerts, and our numerous parades. I will end my comments tonight with three quotes: "Journalism can never be silent: That is its greatest virtue and its greatest fault. It must speak, and speak immediately, while the echoes of wonder, the claims of triumph and the signs of horror are still in the air." Henry Anatole Grunwald "If your help ends at thoughts and prayers, I don't want them. What I want is action." Selene San Felice, Capital Reporter. "As a survivor of the Capital Gazette tragedy, I am sad to see some have concerns about the upcoming Annapolis Rising Press Freedom Concert. With memorials at Bestgate gone and life moving on, I appreciate the efforts to put on the show. Wish all supported it fully." I am asking this City Council to come together and put the city on record as supporting a benefit for these families and our newspaper

Mayor Buckley's Speaking Points for City Council July 23, 2018.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Alderman Arnett moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED

Consent Calendar

Appointments

[AP-13-18](#)

The Appointment of Frieda K. Wildey to the Maritime Advisory Board

Alderman Arnett moved to confirm. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED

[AP-14-18](#)

The Appointment of Wilford Scott to the Historic Preservation Commission

Alderman Arnett moved to confirm. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED

- [AP-15-18](#) **The Appointment of Carol Kelly to the Historic Preservation Commission**
- [AP-16-18](#) **The Appointment of Dick Peterson to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board**
Alderman Arnett moved to confirm. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED
- [AP-17-18](#) **The Appointment of Kia T. Baskerville to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board**
Alderman Arnett moved to confirm. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED
- [AP-18-18](#) **The Appointment of Anthony Spencer to the Arts in Public Places Commission**
Alderman Arnett moved to confirm. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED
- [AP-19-18](#) **The Appointment of Alex Pline to the Planning Commission**
Alderman Arnett moved to confirm. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED
- [AP-21-18](#) **The Appointment of Jeremy Browning to the Human Relations Commission**
Alderman Arnett moved to confirm. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED
- [AP-22-18](#) **The Appointment of Michael Walsh to the Board of Appeals**
Alderman Arnett moved to confirm. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED
- [AP-23-18](#) **The Appointment of John R. Butler to Port Wardens**
Alderman Arnett moved to confirm. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED
- [AP-24-18](#) **The Appointment of Scott Anderson to Port Wardens**
Alderman Arnett moved to confirm. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED

First Readers

- [O-34-18](#) **Demolition by Neglect - For the purpose of revising the definition of “demolition by neglect” set forth in Chapter 21.56; revising the procedures for investigating a property that may meet the definition of “demolition by neglect”; providing for a review process by the Historic Preservation Commission and a public hearing requirement; providing for an appeal process; and matters generally relating to demolition by neglect.**

Sponsors: Tierney, Pindell Charles and Rodriguez

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt on first reader. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED.

Mayor Buckley referred to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Buckley referred to the Historic Preservation Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred to the Rules & City Government Committee.

Second Readers

[O-9-18](#) **Sign Regulations - Temporary Signs - For the purpose of amending the standards concerning temporary signs for community or civic projects or special events; and matters generally relating to regulation of temporary signs.**

Sponsors: Arnett

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt on second reader. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED.

[O-25-18](#) **Exempt Service Position Updates - For the purpose of modifying and updating certain position titles based on corresponding duties; amending certain position grades; clarifying reporting and salary approval requirements; and matters generally relating to the exempt service.**

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED

[O-26-18](#) **Legislative Procedure Updates - For the purpose of clarifying the rules of procedure for the passage or ordinances, charter amendments and resolutions.**

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED

[R-19-18](#) **Non-Profit Vendors During Fall Boat Shows 2018 - For the purpose of authorizing sales by certain vendors in the City Dock area of the Historic District during the Fall 2018 U.S. Sailboat and Powerboat Shows.**

Sponsors: Tierney

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED

[R-32-18](#) **Anne Arundel Medical Center - Cardiac Surgery Program - For the purpose of supporting the decision of the Maryland Health Care Commission approving the Anne Arundel Medical Center's application for a Certificate of Need to offer a cardiac surgery program within Annapolis and Anne Arundel County.**

Sponsors: Pindell Charles and Buckley

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

The motion CARRIED

End of Consent Calendar

Public Hearings

[O-19-18](#)

2018 Zoning Code Updates and Amendments - For the purpose of updating and amending the zoning code by eliminating the restriction on existing lot width or area for variance applications; removing the “finished side out” fence installation requirement; removing the retail and/or office requirement for multi-family residential projects in the BCE zoning district; removing the sign permit application requirement outside of the Historic District; extending the time-period for displaying exempt temporary community, civic, or public interest signs from sixty to ninety days; permitting free-standing signs in certain zoning districts; removing the minimum lot width requirement for freestanding signs in certain zoning districts; removing obsolete language; and matters generally relating to updating and amending the zoning code.

Sponsors: Buckley, Rodriguez, Tierney and Paone

No one from the general public spoke in favor of or in opposition to the ordinance.

Mayor Buckley accepted into the record a Memorandum to the Annapolis City Council from the Planning Commission dated June 22, 2018.

Alderman Rodriguez moved to declare the public hearing on O-19-18 left open until Monday, September 10, 2018.. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Legislative Action

First Readers

[R-38-18](#)

National Sailing Hall of Fame - For the purpose of expressing the support of the City Council in retaining the National Sailing Hall of Fame in the City of Annapolis.

Sponsors: Buckley, Tierney and Pindell Charles

Executive Director Lee Tawney, 69 Prince George Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 representing The National Sailing Hall of Fame spoke on R-38-18.

Alderman Paone moved to adopt on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Rodriguez, moved to suspend the rules to allow passage of the resolution at the meeting of its introduction. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderwoman Henson, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-38-18 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderwoman Henson, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

[R-39-18](#)

City Co-Sponsored Benefit Concert Special Event - For the purpose of identifying the City co-sponsored Special Event “Annapolis Rising: Benefit for The Capital Gazette and for the Free Press” to occur on July 28, 2018; and waiving certain related City fees for that event.

Sponsors: Buckley

Chief of Staff Smith and City Manager Sutherland were present and answered questions from council.

Alderwoman Pindell Charles moved to adopt on first reader. Seconded. **CARRIED** on voice vote.

Second Readers

[O-14-18](#)

Development Review Process Amendments - For the purpose of clarifying the notice requirements for community meetings; clarifying the project applicability requirements for required community meetings; designating the Office of the Mayor as the point of contact for obtaining a list of associations whose membership could be affected by a proposed development; making minor editorial corrections; and matters generally relating to the review process for all significant and substantial projects.

Sponsors: Arnett

Alderman Arnett moved to postpone O-14-18 until the Monday, September 10, 2018 City Council Meeting. Seconded. **CARRIED** on voice vote.

[O-28-18](#)

Arts and Entertainment District - Tax Credit - For the purpose of providing certain tax credit incentives to eligible persons; and specifying the annual distribution of a real property tax credit incentive.

Sponsors: Tierney

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt on second reader. Seconded.

Alderwoman Finlayson moved to amend O-28-18 as follows:
Finance Committee Proposed Amendments July 18, 2018

Amendment No. 1:

Page 1, lines 25-26 strike “6.25.010” and “6.25.020” insert “6.04.260” . Seconded. **CARRIED** on voice vote.

Amendment No. 2:

Page 1, line 35 after “Chapter” strike “6.25 – ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT” insert “6.04 – FINANCE AND TAXATION GENERALLY”; line 37 after “Section” strike “6.25.010” insert “6.04.260 – Arts and Entertainment District-Tax Credit”

Amendment No. 3:

Page 2, line 8 insert “B. The Director of Finance shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement this section of the City Code. All construction or renovation of an eligible building for purposes of this real property tax credit shall be properly documented and attested to on an application form approved by the Director of Finance. The qualifying property owner shall re-apply for this real property tax credit each City fiscal year.”

Amendment No. 4:

Page 2, line 7 strike heading; line 9 insert “C.” before “References”; line 9 after “in” strike “Chapter 6.25” insert “Section 6.04.260” . Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt as amended on second reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Savidge moved to adopt on third reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderwoman Henson, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Item Removed from Consent Calendar

[AP-20-18](#)

The Appointment of Dr. Michael Metzger to the Human Relations Commission

Alderwoman Henson moved to remove AP-20-18 from the Consent Calendar and tonight's agenda. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderwoman Henson requested that AP-20-18 be referred back to the Rules and City Government Committee.

Adjournment

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at: 9:21 p.m.

Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC
City Clerk City